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PROTEST SLAVE BILLS: Out of Chicago's slaughterhouses, 20,000 CIO workers, many of them still in their bloodstained work clothes, stream into the square before Swift & Co.'s general offices Wednesday to honor the

memory of Franklin D. Roosevelt and to protest slave labor bills. They were addressed by their own union heads and by L. B. Adams, telephone strike leader.

AMMO CAUSED TEXAS BLAST, HEARINGS TOLD

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Wallace Asks Swedes to Spur Peace

Henry A. Wallace said in his first speech before a Stockholm audience yesterday: "I have come to Scandinavia because it is time to build up a middle path of international feeling, not against Russian communism, nor against American capitalism, but for the common man's democracy."

Council Rejects Soviet Plea to Run Greek Aid

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., April 18 (UPI).—The United Nations Security Council refused tonight to intervene in the proposed American program for Greece.

The Council rejected a Soviet resolution to give to the UN supervision of the program.

France and Colombia were critical of the U. S. program for the militarization of Greece and Turkey yesterday, through speeches of their delegates in the Security Council.

Churchill Raps Wallace as Communist

Winston Churchill attacked Henry Wallace yesterday as being in league with "crypto-Communists." Addressing members of the Primrose League, the core of the Conservative Party, Churchill assailed Wallace for supporting the British laborites who are opposed to the Bevin foreign policy.

Then Churchill added an attack against the head of the Labor Government itself, Prime Minister Clement Attlee. He said "the Socialist Government is living on an American dole and squandering with profligate rapidity this loan. . . ."

Churchill combined his defense of Bevin's foreign policy with a most tempestuous attack on the British Labor Government.

The Tory leader charged Wallace was trying to separate Britain and the United States and make her part of a world-wide "Communist intrigue."

Chiang Sets Up New Facade

Chiang Kai-shek took another step yesterday to give his dictatorship a democratic facade, by establishing a state council for the eight month transition to "constitutional government."

A new post of vice president was given to the so-called liberal, Sun Fo.

Chiang Kai-shek spoke at a press conference exclusively for foreign newspapermen. United Press said the conference "was obviously an attempt to convince the foreign press that the reorganization of the Chinese government has fulfilled the American demand for broadening and democratization as a pre-requisite for further American aid."

It was announced some members of the minor parties, the Democratic Socialists and the Youth Party, would get posts. Chiang said posts were open to the Communists if they ceased their "rebellion."

He announced plans for a coast-to-coast American tour to "reach people who desperately long for peace" as soon as he finishes in Scandinavia and France. Michael Straight, publisher of the New Republic, which Wallace edits, said the trans-continental tour would begin April 30 with an address over the Columbia Broadcasting System and would include 14 speeches in 24 days.

In an address to 300 scientific and political figures at Stockholm University Wallace charged that both the people of the United States and of Russia "are being inflamed by propaganda."

TEXAS CITY

Wallace said Americans who wanted to take his passport away for talking for peace had the "same type of mentality as those who are saying that the French ship in Texas City was blown up by Communists or Russians."

His audience, including Soviet Minister Ilya Ichernechev, applauded. Lewis Dreyfus, the American minister, stayed away, although he will entertain Harold Stassen, a Republican presidential aspirant, tomorrow.

Wallace visited the Swedish Foreign Ministry and conferred for 30 minutes with Foreign Minister Oesten Unden.

"The days of imperialism are numbered," Wallace said in his speech. "Nations which seek expansion and power will destroy themselves. There are too many people who say the world cannot continue one-third capitalistic, one-third socialist and one-third communistic, and therefore we must have war."

CRIMINAL EXTREMISTS'

"These extremists are criminals against the general welfare. There will never be a firm peace until Scandinavians play their full role as a moderating force between the Germanic peoples of northern Europe, the Slavic peoples of eastern Europe and the Anglo-Saxon culture of Britain and the United States."

Wallace told his audience that the United States should not be judged "solely by its press."

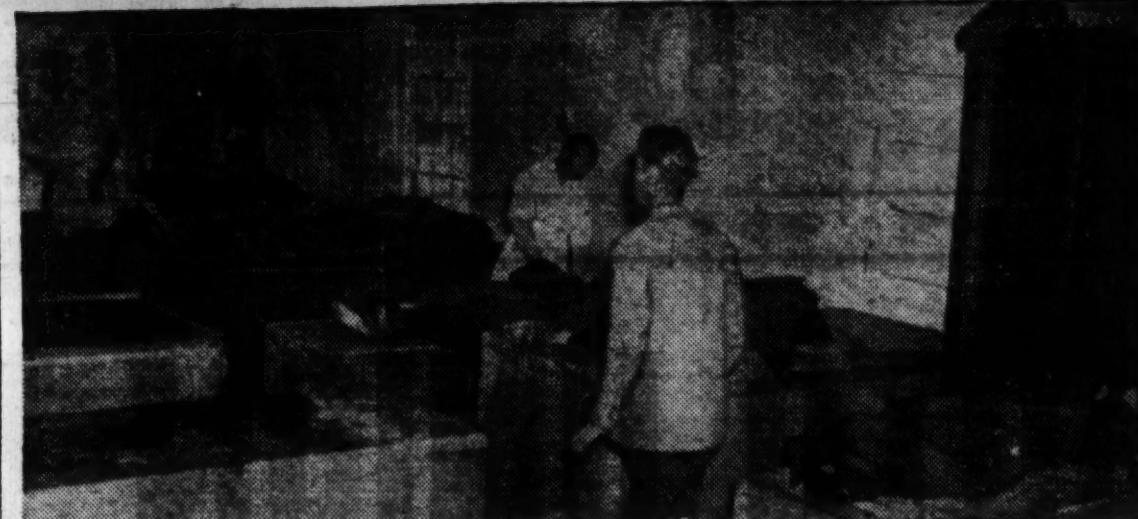
"There is a cynical feeling in many nations, including my own, that the United Nations is going to fail," he said. "If we are willing to give our all for peace, we will be able to rise above this cynicism."

He said he was aware of the Swedish tradition of neutrality, but said "the forces in the world today are such that none can remain aloof—no place is safe from the next war."

Coast Dockers Back Fight on Anti-Semitism

The Buckley Bill (H. R. 2848), designed to outlaw the dissemination of anti-Semitic propaganda, has been endorsed by the convention of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (CIO). It was announced by the American Jewish Labor Council. The ILWU has also agreed to act as a co-sponsor of the bill.

The convention instructed its incoming board to assist the American Jewish Labor Council in its campaign to get affiliation of unions on the Pacific coast.



Names for the Dead:

In this small Texas City, Tex., mortuary, blanket-wrapped bodies of the blast victims rest atop plain wooden boxes and await identification.

Ammonium Nitrate Long Known As Potential Explosive Killer

By Peter Stone

Ammonium nitrate, the chemical alleged to have set off the explosion in Texas City, Texas, is currently being shipped to Germany for use in rebuilding that country's agricultural economy.

The substance has long been known for its great aid to impoverished soil. But its potential dangers as an explosive have also been known.

Back in 1921 a similar explosion occurred at Oppau, Germany. This incident killed 1,500 people and left a hole in the earth's surface a few miles wide. As a result of the ammonium nitrate explosion Germany banned the use of the substance for fertilizer.

3,750 CASUALTIES

No such legislation has ever been enacted in this country, although scientists know that intense heat or violent concussion can set off the chemical.

Press reports say that it was a shipload of this substance aboard

the French freighter Grand Camp, which turned Texas City into a shambles resembling the A-bombed city of Hiroshima. The dead are near 750 with 3,000 injured.

All survivors of the tragic city have been ordered to evacuate. Poisonous gas identified as nitrogen dioxide was released as a result of the explosion and is floating over the ruins. A tank of chlorine gas exploded, and the choking, yellow-green fumes of that gas are also impeding work of doctors, Red Cross and first aid workers.

At present there is great danger of an oil fire spreading throughout the port. Tanks, containing thousands of gallons of raw oil are afire. Fire fighters are rushing thousands of pounds of foamite, the anti-fire chemical to the city.

EXPLOSIVE

Ammonium nitrate fits very well into the classification of an explosive. When subjected to heat, impact or friction, it undergoes a rapid chemical transformation and

goes off with a bang. Basic to nearly all explosives is nitrogen. It is the release of the pent-up energy of the nitrogen atoms that gives an explosive its power.

Practically all military explosives are formed by treating with nitric acid such substances as toluene, glycerine, phenol, mercury, starch and cellulose. Ammonium nitrate was extensively used as a bursting charge in high explosives.

SCIENTISTS URGED CARE

Scientists tried to impress upon the military the need for safety in producing munitions. There was only one major disaster during the war. Special precautions were always used in the manufacture, loading and storage of these dangerous munition compounds. Even ammonium nitrate can be rendered harmless by the addition of calcium.

Safety measures were ignored at Texas City. According to a National Maritime Union official, "ship owners refused to adopt needed safety measures."

PROMINENT CITIZENS HIT EFFORTS TO GAG WALLACE

Cables supporting Henry Wallace and protests to President Truman against threats to gag the former Vice-President under Roosevelt were addressed yesterday by many prominent citizens.

In a cablegram to Wallace, Paul Robeson, chairman of the Council on African Affairs, assured him that the American people "approve your stand."

American Veterans of the Philippine Campaign sent an open letter to President Truman protesting

military intervention in Greece and Turkey and supporting relief to the Greek people under UN auspices.

Donald Henderson, president of the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Union protested "the attempt to invoke a 150-year-old gag against Henry A. Wallace."

The Massachusetts chapter of Progressive Citizens of America urged that all Americans protest the hysterical attacks by leaders of the Un-American Committee and other Congressmen on Henry A. Wallace's fight for peace.

JEWISH UNDERGROUND HITS BACK FOR EXECUTIONS

The Jewish underground struck with bombs and gunfire five times throughout Palestine yesterday, killing one British soldier, wounding two officers and losing one of their own number in retaliatory attacks for the execution of four underground members last Wednesday.

The British placed Tel Aviv out of bounds for all troops except those riding in armored cars. Elsewhere troops were ordered to travel fully armed and then only in groups of five or more. Police were ordered to their posts for day and night duty.

The underground struck in Natanya, Jerusalem, Jaffa, Haifa and Tel Aviv. The British soldier, a sentry, was killed in the first attack when a bomb was hurled into the Army's 61st field dressing station near the diamond center of Natanya.

Two British officers were wounded, one seriously, when four men in a taxi hurled another bomb into a police jeep in Jerusalem.

One Jew was killed and at least

three bystanders wounded in the running gunfight that followed. Three other attackers escaped after their speeding car crashed.

Tiso, Slovak Quisling, Hanged

Josef Tiso, who deserted the Catholic priesthood for the presidency of the Nazi puppet state of Slovakia, was hanged yesterday before dawn. Edouard Benes, president of the Czechoslovakian Republic, turned down Tiso's appeal for clemency the day before.

Rome's Jobless Parade 2 Days

More than 3,000 unemployed workers paraded for the second straight day in downtown Rome yesterday, demanding an audience at the public works ministry in protest against lack of work.

Hoover Bewails Reich Plants

Herbert Hoover bewailed yesterday the fact that Germany's chemical plants were being destroyed, on the ground that they should be used to make fertilizer.

Hoover testified, after a "social call" at the White House, before the Senate Committee hearing on a \$250,000,000 plan to substitute for UNRRA.

Sen. Chapman Revercomb (D-WV) declared the Truman Doctrine was a "far move toward the third world war."

LABOR and the NATION

Auto Union to Close Detroit Plants for 'Slave Bill' Protest

All Detroit auto plants under contract with the United Auto Workers (CIO) will shut down 2 p.m. Thursday in protest against anti-labor legislation, particularly the Hartley bill passed in the House. The stoppage, announced by the union's international executive board, will affect

CIO Rally Tuesday in NY To Blast Hartley Bill

"Passage of the Hartley Bill by the House has aroused such intense resentment among union members," Saul Mills, City CIO secretary said yesterday, "that local unions have

pledged to make the after-work Defend Labor Rally Tuesday, at Madison Square Park, the largest protest by organized labor ever held in this city."

A number of local unions report they have made arrangements for shops to close an hour or two earlier so members can come on time to the 5 p.m. rally.

Thousands of union members working in Manhattan will march directly to the rally after work, Mills said. They will carry union banners and placards expressing opposition to the Hartley Bill and the measure just reported out by the Senate Labor Committee. Additional thousands will come from other boroughs by subway and chartered buses.

MILLION LEAFLETS

The CIO has completed a rush printing of one million leaflets containing a brief analysis of the provisions of the Hartley Bill, which are being distributed at citywide emergency shop meetings.

The April 22 rally will be the first local public protest against anti-labor legislation described by CIO President Philip Murray as "the first real step toward fascism in the United States."

Allan S. Haywood, CIO director of organization, will come from Washington to address the rally, which will also hear other labor leaders, members of Congress and representatives of civic organizations.

The rally will be the biggest local mass action in April Defend Labor Month.

Invitations to join the rally have been sent to AFL unions, the unions of striking telephone workers, and the Railroad Brotherhoods.

PITTSBURGH, April 18. — With top CIO leaders meeting here to review wage negotiations, an agreement was announced here on a 15 cents an hour raise covering 75,000 Westinghouse Electric workers.

The agreement is the second within a week for members of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers. Earlier substantially the same wage raises were provided in a contract for 30,000 at General Motors.

The joint UE-management statement said the Westinghouse workers will get a flat 11 1/2 cents raise and 3 1/2 cents will go to cover six paid holidays a year and other improvements that were negotiated. Salaried employees will get a \$5 weekly raise and double time for Sunday work. Employees with 20 years of service will get a third week vacation. The health and welfare fund is left for further negotiations.

The Westinghouse contract, retroactive to April 1, will run to April 1, 1948.

The raises and other contract changes will add \$30,000,000 to wages annually.

General Electric is to resume negotiations with UE Tuesday. It is anticipated that GE will match the raises given.

RCA of Camden recently settled with the UE, and Sylvania Electric is in negotiations.

Walter Reuther, president of the United Automobile Workers, here for the CIO conference, announced that GM's 15-cent offer was rejected as "unsatisfactory."

Reuther and associate officers interrupted negotiations at Detroit to attend the conference here and exchange views with CIO president Philip Murray and Albert Fitzgerald of the UE. John Green, of the shipbuilders also attended. The conference was described as a "coordinating meeting."

The week promises to be a critical one in the wage negotiations. Principal leaders of the largest steel, electrical and auto corporations were reported to have had a conference here. Among those rumored attending were Benjamin Fairless of U.S. Steel and C. E. Wilson of GM and an unidentified representative of the electric industry.

Also rumors were ripe that the steel industry is set to make a wage offer or has already made it.

400,000 workers. They will march to historic Cadillac Square where national speakers will address them. Other CIO unions are rapidly polling their membership. It is a foregone conclusion that all will join the UAW's stoppage. Both AFL and CIO unions have become alarmed and mobilization is mounting fast for defeat of the "Slave Bill."

Detroit is only typical of the sentiment now sweeping the states. Both the AFL and CIO of Iowa set a one-day state-wide stoppage for Monday to protest federal and state anti-labor legislation. The two state bodies called upon all affiliates to rally their members at Des Moines Monday when an anti-closed shop bill is scheduled to come up.

Six thousand workers of Baltimore's Bethlehem Shipbuilding yards are setting a two-hour stoppage and demonstration against the Hartley Bill.

Appeals to AFL and CIO general officers for a joint 24 hour stoppage are coming in increasing numbers. The appeals have been stimulated by the New York Building Trades Council's recent meeting and by the General Electric local of Schenectady.

With Tuesday's CIO rally at Madison Square Park the focal point, many New York unions are deciding to knock off work early as in Detroit, and march in a body to the meeting.

Daily Worker correspondent William Allan, describes the spirit in Detroit as follows:

By William Allan

DETROIT, April 18.—Shop stewards' meetings, plant meetings, radio broadcasts, leaflets, posters and delegations have all been initiated by local unions, to deluge Congress with protests. Delegations will go from Detroit and upstate cities all next week to Washington. AFL and CIO labor leaders, seen by the Daily Worker today, expressed in essence: "This is it. We must move now or we are done."

Glen Sigman, legislative representative United Steel Workers, District 29:

"We are putting on a tremendous drive against the bill. We have gotten 1,000 steel workers to petition Michigan Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson. Each of the workers gave us five cents for each signature to help the campaign. The only answer is mobilize the members and

friends of labor. It must not pass." Jack Ferenz, president Detroit Federation of Musicians, AFL:

"It's a drastic piece of legislation. I was stunned when I read it passed in the House. We must combat it and back up the capable labor leaders of America—Green, Murray, Lewis and Petrillo—who will certainly be in there fighting such legislation."

Josh Lawrence and Tex Drake, National Maritime Union, CIO, leaders:

"This is a long step toward fascism. The fascist-minded elements speaking for the NAM are determined to destroy the people's rights, not just labor. Labor should form now a committee of unity against anti-labor legislation—with the slogan it shall not pass."

Louis Fabian, president Local 37, Painters Union:

"Labor's only hope now is united action and mass demonstrative action to let the enemy know we shall not stand idly by and let more than 50 years of labor gains be wiped out by an open agent of Nazism and fascism like Hartley. We are doing everything in our power to defeat it."

Walter Wisdom, secretary Printing Trades Council, AFL:

"We are in there fighting with all we got."

AGAINST THE GUN

Sol Snyderman, AFL, Firemen and Oilers: "We are up against the gun with this one and every union, little or big, has to pull out all the stops or fascism has laid its oppressive hand on American labor. We are mobilizing our stewards and members for defeat of the Hartley bill as job number one."

Percy Llewellyn, UAW Regional Director, Westside: "This bill wipes out collective bargaining, returns yellow dog contracts—abolishes the Norris-LaGuardia Act and is a flank attack on trade

union members' political rights. By the last I mean the dictation about unions electing Communists, sympathizers, or people who might have supported Communist policies. This part of the bill would mean that if I say I am for labor unity, and the Communists are for that, then I could not hold any office. That's government control of thinking and of unions and as a free born American I'll fight that along with mobilizing the members of our union to smash this whole legislation. Every auto worker, every worker should join us in Cadillac Square."

DESTROYS LABOR

August Scholle, Michigan CIO president: "There is no question that the Hartley bill aims at the destruction of all organized labor and its hard won rights of collective bargaining. It seeks to set up company unions, and the obvious intent is to use the Communist Party issue in this anti-labor legislation to give further impetus to this destruction of labor."

Morris Spitzer, manager Amalgamated Clothing Workers, CIO: "We want to condemn this bill as strenuously as possible. Labor can only defeat the bill by uniting its ranks, because this is an example of what's to follow if we don't."

The United Office and Professional Workers Union, CIO, have called an emergency meeting of 100 union leaders for today. The 100 leaders will appear at all prominent street corners with leaflets and signs. A line of labor leaders in chains will walk down Woodward Ave., with signs saying: "Senators Vandenberg and Ferguson, Set Me Free from Chains. Vote Against the Hartley Bill."

Other labor leaders who plan action were Lloyd Jones, UAW Local 2; Olga Zenchuk, Packinghouse Workers; Harold Shapiro, Fur Workers and the Wayne County CIO.

Labor Fights Back on Hartley Bill

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Labor will appeal the House-adopted Hartley slave bill to the American people, a CIO leader said today. "Labor will never accept a verdict that makes second-class citizens of the nation's workers. We have just begun to fight."

This was typical of labor and progressive reaction to approval yesterday by a frenzied coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats of the toughest anti-labor bill in U. S. history.

"We will oppose the Hartley bill at every step of the legislative process and in the courts," declared Nathan Cowan, legislative director of the CIO in a statement issued today.

The next "legislative step" is the Senate, where debate opens Wednesday on a milder version of the

Hartley bill reported out yesterday by the Senate Labor Committee. It is not as tough as Chairman Robert Taft (R-O) would have liked. But it is sufficiently repressive to have justified the negative vote of labor's two best friends on the committee, Pepper of Florida and Murray of Montana. It will be fought bitterly by the trade unions, labor spokesmen said.

OPEN SHOP

Like the Hartley bill, the Taft bill would ban the closed shop; permit injunctions to block strikes in industries "affecting the public interest," make unions liable in the courts, and intervene in internal union affairs.

Four pet ideas of Taft and Sen. Joe Ball (R-Minn) were clipped out of the Senate draft by a 7 to 5 vote. Republican Sens. Morse of Oregon and Ives of New York voted with

the five pro-labor members.

But Taft and Ball have served notice they will seek to have these provisions replaced by amendment from the floor. They include a flat ban on jurisdictional strikes and secondary boycotts, a ban on industry-wide bargaining, a ban on union administered health and welfare funds, and a denial of bargaining rights to unions or members adjudged guilty of "coercing or interfering with" scabs.

The GOP chiefs expressed confidence they had enough votes to restore these provisions.

CIO STRATEGY

Informed of the Taft position, Morse said that such a move would result in a Truman veto. Morse thinks Truman would veto the Hartley bill but would sign the bill reported out by the Senate Labor

Committee. He is reportedly attempting to secure a statement to this effect from the White House.

The CIO strategy in fighting the anti-labor legislation was outlined today as follows:

First, a concentration on the Senate to defeat Taft's tough amendments and then to defeat the bill if possible.

CIO strategists have consistently argued that any kind of anti-labor bill, no matter how mild, would simply provide the vehicle for union-smashing amendments which would be attached to them on the floor. But even without amendments, the Taft bill will injure trade unionism.

After the Senate acts, its version and the House's will go to conference.

Second, to build up a large vote against the conference report.

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NEW YORK

State CP Asks Public Spur Dennis Defense

On the eve of expected Congressional action to cite Eugene Dennis for contempt of the House Un-American Committee, the New York State Committee of the Communist Party yesterday urged all liberty-loving Americans to take part in the defense of the General Secretary of the Communist Party. Robert Thompson told the Daily Worker yesterday that the State Committee is appealing to New Yorkers to wire their Congressmen asking that they reject the un-American recommendation to prosecute Dennis.

"In a few days, Tuesday, according to newspaper reports, the House of Representatives is scheduled to take up the proposal of the Rankin-Thomas committee," the State chairman of the Party reminded.

"The statement drawn up by the recent meeting of our State Committee gives a timely warning that the Un-Americans are threatening the entire trade union and progressive movement by their action against Dennis," Thompson said.

YOUR OWN RIGHTS

As the statement puts it:

"To defend Eugene Dennis is to defend your own rights as an American citizen, your trade union, your own homes and schools.

"Any who have doubted, can learn the truth with a glance at the anti-labor bills now in the House—written by lawyers for the National Association of Manufacturers, which represents 16,000 corporations employing three-fourths of all industrial labor and 80 percent of production of the manufacturing industry of the United States.

"What is the method used by the N.A.M. to outlaw and destroy the trade unions? The method is to outlaw the Communists—and to penalize all officers and members of unions who conduct policies opposed to the employers on the ground that these unionists are 'Communists'."

DENNIS' CHALLENGE

The State leaders of the Communist Party greeted Dennis for performing "a service to the whole nation in denouncing the Thomas-Rankin Committee. . . ."

"His action," Thompson stated, "risking prosecution and imprisonment, will enable the American people to protect the American Constitution from the attacks of the Un-Americans. Dennis' challenge will defend the people from the usurpation of government power by a committee whose very existence is in violation of the American Constitution."

The statement of the New York leadership of the Communist Party addressed a special word to members of the Party. It expressed confidence that "the Un-American attacks upon our Party will only stiffen your resistance."

Harlem Sad as 'Joe's Place' Folds

And Where Will Mural on Negro People Go?

Just three blocks from where crowds kept vigil at the Collyer house another bit of drama is being enacted. Joe Louis' Restaurant, just west of Fifth Ave. on 125 St., which only a short time ago opened with fanfare and attracted "names" throughout the city, is being dismantled. "Joe's Place," as it is affectionately called by Harlemites, is being converted into a supermarket.

Groups of passersby stop in front of the onyx-like facade of the eat-and-drink palace which bears the name of the heavyweight champion of the world. They press their noses to the glass in the revolving door to catch the spirit of the mural on the west wall, or just to get a last glimpse of the swank interior.

The mural depicts the advances made by the Negro people in all

Final May Day Meet Today; Plan FCC Protest

CIO and AFL delegates to the final May Day planning meet today will be asked to join in a united labor petition demanding the Federal Communications Commission open

the airwaves to the May Day Committee. Three major radio chains and the New York stations have refused the request for time made by Joseph Cadden, executive director of the committee.

The final May Day conference will meet today at 13 Astor Place at 1 p.m. Louis Weinstock, AFL Painters district secretary and co-chairman of the May Day Committee, will keynote the meeting.

Sponsors of a committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day include: Maurice Becker, Walter Bernstein, Marc Blitzstein, Edward Chodorov, Earl Conrad, Rev. John W. Darr, Jr., Arnaud d'Usseau, Howard Fast, James Gow, Robert Swathmey, Shirley Graham, Langston Hughes, Donna Keith, Millard Lampell, Maxim Leibler, Rev. Jack R. McMichael, Rev. William H. Mellish, Dr. Marc Moreland, Zero Mostel, Samuel A. Neuberger, Paul Robeson, Rev. William B. Spofford, Jr., Louis Untermeyer, Max Weber, Emanuel H. Block, Sol Ferstenberg, Herta Glaz, Chaim Gross, Uta Hagen, Minna Harkavy, Libby Holman, Charles Humboldt.

Harlem Rally On Housing Tomorrow

The Harlem Section of the Communist Party will demand that "Un-

American slum housing be outlawed," and that boarded-up houses be remodeled for low rent homes.

The demand will be made at a mass meeting tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. in Renaissance Casino, 138 St. and Seventh Ave.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn and Councilman Benjamin J. Davis will speak.

Entertainment will include John

Fleming, baritone; Vinnie Burrows,

Calypso singer, and James Lapsley,

who will sing a cantata, "Negro Mother."

George Keane, Rockwell Kent, Carol King, Alfred Kreymborg, Arthur Pollock, Philip Reisman, Leon Rother, Moses Soyer, Harry Sternberg, Dr. Harry F. Ward and William Zorach.

AFL to Strike Wall St. Monday

The AFL United Financial Employees will strike against the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb Exchange and several brokerage houses Monday, John Cole, vice-president of the union, announced yesterday.

Cole said that the UFE would be supported in the strike by the AFL Seafarers International Union and the Sailors Union of the Pacific.

The UFE has called a strike strategy meeting for this morning at the Seafarers International Union Hall. At that time it will meet with other unions which Cole would not name. It was believed the UFE will seek support of such unions as the elevator operators in the Exchange buildings and the brokerage houses to strike in sympathy with them.

Progressives Lead Primaries In Oakland

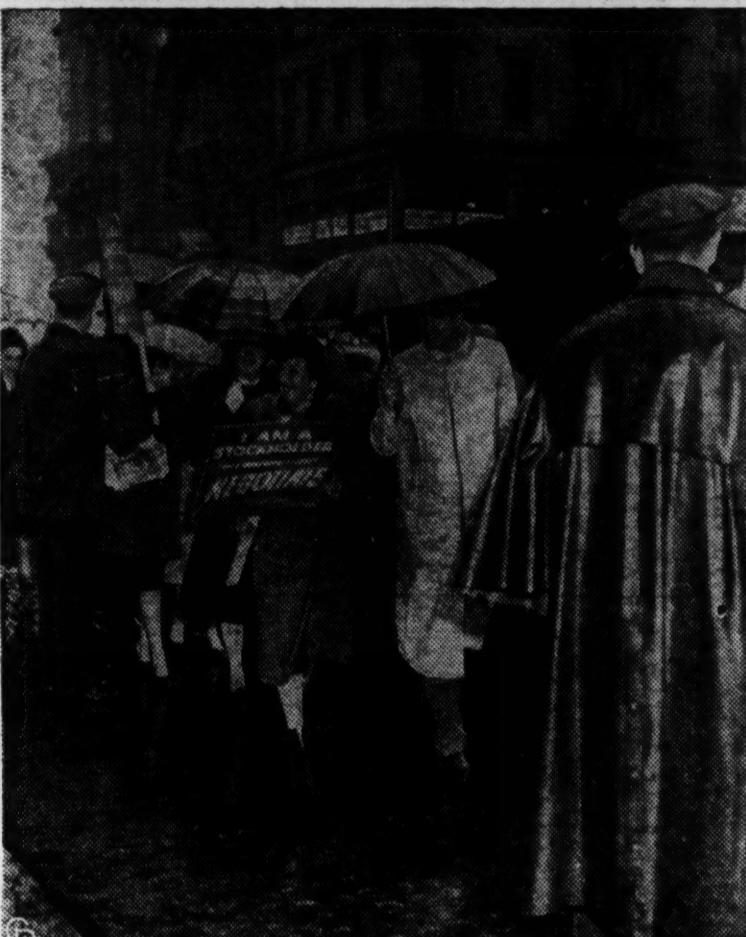
SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—The Warren-Knowland machine suffered a smashing defeat in the Oakland municipal elections Tuesday when a united labor-progressive slate for city council won the primaries, leading all five incumbents despite the vicious red-baiting campaign of the Oakland Tribune, a Warren-Knowland newspaper.

Emma Stanley, Communist candidate for Board of Education, received 23,000 votes, which was 40 percent of the vote and was 10,000 less than the winning candidate received.

Claude Allen, progressive Negro candidate for Board of Education, backed by the CIO, received 25,000 votes, 4,000 short of election.

The labor-progressive slate of the Oakland Voters League, backed by all organized labor, won over all five City Council incumbents, who played a strikebreaking role in Oakland in the general strike last December.

Mayor Beach (elected by the City Council) was defeated by Raymond Lantz, member of the CIO, for City Council, with another Warren-Knowland candidate run-



Stockholders, Alias Strikers: Phone strikers who own a few shares in the giant AT&T trust, walk the picket line outside the company's main office in a driving rain. One placard says, "I am a stockholder; Negotiate." AT&T propaganda pretends employees, hundreds of thousands of other plain people 'own' the trust. Funny how 'owners' have to strike for a living wage.

BRONX COMMUNISTS REACH 41% OF RECRUITING GOAL

Bronx Communists held their lead in the city recruiting drive with 41 percent of their goal reached, a boost of 5 percent over last week. With 462 new members for the week the city total now stands at 32 percent.

The Cultural Section showed the highest boost for the week with 7 percent, followed closely by Kings County with 6 percent.

The present score stands at:

County	Recruited This Week	Percent of June 1st Quota Recruited to Date
New York	197	32
Kings	127	35
Bronx	78	41
Queens	30	22
Cultural	30	29
total rec. in NYC for Week	462	32

Strike Settled

PEORIA, Ill., April 18.—The strike of 13 Railroad Brotherhoods against the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad—the nation's oldest labor dispute—was settled yesterday, the unions and company announced.

Civil Rights Meet Tomorrow in Philly

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Dr. Harry Ward, Max Yergan, and Leon

ning a poor third. Another winning candidate was Raymond Pease, working locomotive engineer. The labor slate and the incumbents will be in the run-off elections in May.

In councilmanic elections in

Richmond, Cal., Louis Richardson

progressive Negro candidate for City Council, qualified in the primaries for run-off election. Richardson ran with a personal letter of endorsement from Benjamin Davis,

New York Communist Councilman.

Strauss, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Fur Dressers Joint Board, will speak at a meeting to defend the civil rights of labor, Communists, and liberals (Sunday) at B'rit Achim Hall.



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Imperialism Fails to Crack Poland

By William Z. Foster

WARSAW, April 6 (By Mail)—The present Polish situation strikingly illustrates the bankruptcy of the Anglo-American policy of trying to strangle the new democracies now developing in Central and Eastern Europe. The new people's Poland is going right ahead with its progressive program despite all the attempts of American and British big business interests to shove it backward into the swamp of reaction.

And what is true of Poland is also true, in greater or lesser degree, of all the other new democratic republics in this big area.

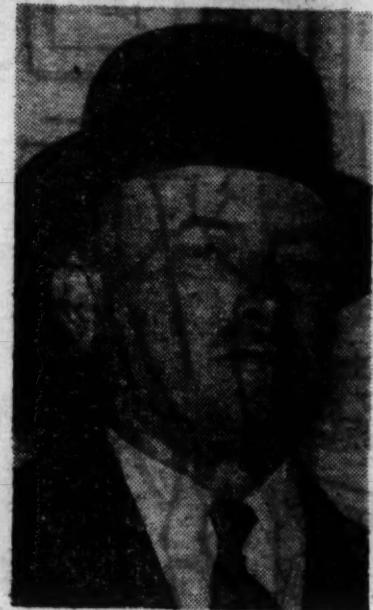
Pre-war Poland, it will be recalled, was virtually a fascist country. Its internal democracy was almost at zero, it was saturated with a virulent anti-Semitism, and it was violently hostile to the Soviet Union. It was the keystone of the infamous "cordon sanitaire," or ring of reactionary states which Western imperialists, after World War I, built along the western borders of the USSR, all the way from Finland to Turkey.

WALL OF REACTION

Now, the policy of Anglo-American imperialism has been, from early in the recent war, to re-erect as much, as possible of the, for them, very convenient wall of reactionary states against the USSR, with Poland again playing the central role. But, unfortunately for these imperialistic plotters, the Polish people have quite a different idea. Instead, they have set up a strong, free democratic republic, friendly to the USSR.

And, in their own way, on the basis of a four-party bloc government, they are moving towards the building of socialism in their country. As they have gone along, they have defeated every attempt of Anglo-American imperialism to hamper their democracy and to limit their national independence.

The first major step of American and British imperialists to rebuild a reactionary Poland was their determined effort, during the war years, to foist upon the Polish people the fascist emigre



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self-styled Polish Government in London. But the people of Poland would have nothing to do with this reactionary outfit, which was then actively sabotaging the victorious advance of the Red Army.

ENTER MIKOŁAJCZYK

Instead, in the midst of the war, they built a government of their own, a democratic provisional government, which set up headquarters in Lublin. Warsaw then being still in the hands of the German invaders.

This action was a big setback to the American and British imperialists who deeply feared the rise of a democratic Poland. They, therefore, played their next big card by trotting forth Mr. Mikolajczyk as the great "democratic" leader of the Polish people. They tried to force the Lublin government to accept Mikolajczyk as premier.

They hoped that once in this key position, he would be able to block the nationalization of the industries, the breaking up of the big estates, and the adoption of other advanced social measures then being contemplated, and which have since been carried through.

But the best the American and British meddlers in Poland's internal affairs could do was to secure for Mikolajczyk a seat in the cabinet of the new government, a compromise which they grudgingly accepted.

Mikolajczyk, however, was quite out of place in the progressive

Provisional Government. So that when the elections for a permanent government came around he felt that, with the United States and Britain (as well as the capitalist and fascist underground) behind him, he could take control of the Polish government.

Arrogantly, he refused to go along with the bloc of democratic parties on their joint national unity ticket unless he were guaranteed 75 percent of the seats in the Sejm (parliament) in advance. The four democratic parties, of which the Polish Workers Party (Communist) and the Polish Socialist Party are the strongest, rejected this reactionary demand, and the election fight was on.

It was a hard fight, but a scrupulously fair one by the democratic bloc. The result was that when the election took place Jan. 19, 1947, Mikolajczyk's organization, the Polish Peasants Party, got only six percent of the votes.

The press in the United States and Great Britain held bloody murder over this crushing victory of the democratic forces, claiming that Mikolajczyk had been intimidated and robbed in the election. In retaliation, they even threatened to withdraw diplomatic recognition from Poland.

PARTY DISINTEGRATED

But the plain truth is that in the election campaign Mikolajczyk was so thoroughly exposed as the agent of the ousted Polish capitalists and landlords, of the beaten and discredited fascists, and of foreign imperialists that the people turned against him en masse.

His party is now seriously disintegrated. Finally, American and British imperialism, sadly licking their wounds, had to make the best of this newest defeat at the hands of the self-reliant, democratic Polish people.

Such reactionary interference in the internal affairs of Poland has done much to discredit the United States among this progressive people. And to make matters worse, our government has been following a pinch-penny policy with regard to loans to Poland.

That country suffered fabulous losses in the war, both in human life and property, and there is no nation more entitled to American financial support. Moreover, a big loan to Poland would be "good business" for the United States.

NIGGARDLY LOANS

But instead of pursuing such a far-sighted, democratic loan policy, our government has only given Poland two piddling loans and may give it another such. Each time, the loan has been accompanied by political pressure.

This whole niggardly, reactionary loan policy has tended still further to make the democratic Polish people feel that the United States is not the friend of democracy in their country.

This feeling has been further justifiably increased by the fact that the British and American governments have accorded active support to the fascist forces of the Polish General Anders.

They are also still giving moral, if not actual physical help, to the illegal terrorist bands which now, although on a diminishing scale, still afflict war-stricken Poland. All this constitutes both an injury and an insult to the Polish people.

LAND GRAB

Now, as if the foregoing reactionary policies were not enough to discredit us completely in Poland and Eastern Europe, the State Department has hit upon another and still worse scheme.

This is the proposal indicated by Marshall at the Moscow Conference to take from Poland the territory west of her old borders up to the Oder River, lands which were definitely conceded her by the Potsdam and Yalta Agreements, and to return these areas to Germany.

This proposition, which means

that we would wile on our solemn international pledges, has deeply shocked Poland. It has united the Polish people firmly in a spirit of determined resistance.

"NOT A CHANCE"

There is not a chance that our State Department will succeed with this latest maneuver any more than it did with its ill-starred adventures about the London Polish Government, General Anders and Mikolajczyk. All that will come out of it will be to harm further the prestige of the United States generally in Europe by smearing it as the friend of reaction.

The American people should put a stop to all this reactionary interference in the political life of Poland by the imperialists who are now making our nation's foreign policies. As one democratic people to another, we should lend the Poles generously of our great store of wealth (we will choke to death on this wealth if we don't lend it more freely), and we should put no stone in their way as they fight to get rid of the reactionaries who have cursed their country for so long.

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Change the World

Who's Scared? The Atombomb Will Give America Back to the Indians!

By Mike Gold

MAYBE I AM a gloomy gus, but every now and then we're coming to an end soon, via the Atom Bomb. But this is said by some to be strictly a bourgeois sensation. No Communist is supposed to be scared of this big thing that has been invented by the bourgeois to put an end to things.

Well, mebbe so. But I am a good Communist, I hope, a Red, and I saw a U.S. Navy picture last Sunday of the Bikini and other atom bomb tests. It did not leave me cold and indifferent, but gave me the blues.

My kids and I were visiting the Museum of Science at Rockefeller City where the movie was shown. The movie didn't faze them much, or spook their day, so maybe they are better Communists than I. Or maybe they haven't the reading as yet or the experience, to imagine the death of humanity.

That low endless growl on and on, as the atomic explosion spreads wider and wider, burning up matter as it goes, burning up the physical world! The movie reproduced the sound and it isn't pretty or musical! Will it ever become the last dirge that billions of people will hear?

THERE IS a story running in Collier's magazine, by Stuart Cloete, a South African writer who hitherto has done skillful, if at times conventional tales of his native veldt.

This comfortable star of the slick-paper magazines must have been bopped by some awful vision, for this story contains huge and frightful horror that isn't customary with the slickies.

Living in a fashionable penthouse in New York when the great blast came in 1947, Author Cloete finds himself reverting to jungle ways of living. And in 1967 believes himself the last survivor of humankind.

The great metropolis has reverted to prehistoric conditions. It is overgrown with lush jungle herbage through which roam strange new mutations of common animals, giant minks, wild dogs and wolves larger than elephants.

Radio-active waves of the bomb had impregnated all vegetation and the living seed of all animal life, and monstrosities were born.

Tigers and lions lived in caverns that were the lobby of the Waldorf-Astoria, or Rockefeller City. Author Cloete, now a savage with his pack of hunting dogs and his elephant rifle,

hunts himself fresh meat every day in the jungle around Times Square.

Cloete blames German Nazis for the destruction of the American cities by atom bombs, and the bacterial way that destroyed our countryside. They did it in a sneak attack, like Pearl Harbor. And we responded automatically by blowing Russia and all Europe off the map. So Hitler finally won the war!

The chaos in New York, after normal life is shattered, is thoughtfully imagined by Cloete.

"At this time there were few people left in the city—only a few thousand—because everything had broken down with the breakdown of credit. People simply would not work without money. They were not ready to save their own lives by co-operative effort.

"So deeply had our competitive system bitten into us that they preferred to sit around and starve, or else they ran away and starved—except the few who, like ourselves, lived on what they could find or loot from the stores."

The story has a happy ending, too, Cloete discovers he is not the lone survivor. Some Indians on horses appear, and two white girls. The Indians are survivors from the west, who've come to contact the Seminoles in Florida. Cloete joins them. He laughs as he tells the young braves, "Now America is being taken back by the Americans."

M. CLOETE, you are too cynical. We are Americans, too: We have worked, planned and dreamed over this bright land until it is ours, too, as much as ever it was the Indians!

The vast majority of Americans aren't showing any enthusiasm for the so-called Truman Doctrine and its atom-bomb foundation.

Only a small clique of upper-class fascists, Big Business profiteers and senseless politicos are whooping up the thing.

The one danger in the situation is that they may venture upon some sudden atom-bomb adventure; suddenly use the thing without the usual legal debating in Congress, or any formal declaration of war. Then the horrible dream of Author Cloete might come true and tigers and wolves make their lairs in the Macy basement or the dining room of the Ritz.

But, friends, I'm not really scared by it all. What's an atom bomb or two, anyway. What's a world? What's the human race? What's you and me and the missus?



—UE News

WALLACE HITS HOME

By James S. Allen

WALLACE SEEMS TO HAVE aroused more excitement in the country than the impending invasion of Ashtabula from the Balkans. Something can be said

in justification of the latest hysteria. While the Communist danger is no more than a bugaboo, Wallace and his ideas are a real challenge to the political bosses of both parties.

One of the aims of bipartisanship in a foreign policy is to remove this vital issue from domestic politics. That was the kernel of the bipartisan policy in last November's elections, which resulted in a Republican victory. The fond hope of the bipartisans is to continue this ideal arrangement into 1948.

But the bipartisan iron curtain will not stay put. As the "get tough" policy takes shape in the Truman Doctrine—or, if you please, the Vandenberg Plan—the threat to the United Nations and world peace becomes more obvious. A policy of this kind is fundamentally unacceptable to the American people.

WALLACE'S POSITION, from the time he broke with the Truman Cabinet, has hit a responsive chord, and it sounds louder with every passing day. Whether he speaks in New York or Copenhagen, his words register in our crossroads stores and union halls.

Apparently, the acoustics of London or Paris are so superior to our own that his words are thrown across the Atlantic with such effect they hurdle the wall of press censorship, and startle the bipartisans no end.

The framers of the Truman Doctrine have been worried from the start. Their tactic from the first was to take the country by surprise. March 31, that dreadful day on which catastrophe would strike unless Congress passed the Greco-Turkish bill, has come and gone, without the bill and without catastrophe.

Everything was done to serve up the measure with pretty but foxy amendments. Hundreds of questions have been posed, but the real question remains. It takes time for Congress to drum up enough nerve to pass the Bill, especially since every Presidential aspirant and every Congressman up for reelection in 1948 must provide himself with enough outs should the thing boomerang.

It would seem most Congressmen have enough to answer for to the American people without staking their political future on what Royalists in Athens or Feudalists in Ankara may do next.

Press Roundup

Love Work and Beat the Crisis, Mirror Babbles

THE DAILY MIRROR has solved the problem of depression: "Economic cycles will come and go. Good times. Hard times. High prices and less. But the man who grapples WORK for the fun of it, for the joy of it, has no fear of either. He can meet with triumph and disaster and 'treat those two imposters just the same.' Tell that to the \$1,250,000 ex-GIs looking for jobs."

THE TIMES wants a United States of Europe which divides those powers who will and will not tie up with the U.S. against Russia. A European federation, says the Times "must start, as Mr. Churchill clearly saw, with a new deal between France and Germany." And it is hopeful about a new Munich deal because "France is turning away from the unprofitable Russian orientation . . ."

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN's Paul Mallon weeps for the General Motors stockholders who may face lower profits if GM workers try to maintain the take-home pay they had before.

THE SUN's David Lawrence thinks the Hartley omnibus bill is a fine bit of legislation. He does not believe "two or more individuals" should have the right to "band together . . . to persuade others to quit work."

THE WORLD - TELEGRAM is in favor of the principles of the Hartley Bill and says the vote for it in Congress proves that's what the people want. That's like saying the Congressional murder of OPA meant the people want higher prices.

THE POST has an editorial on disasters, cites the Texas holocaust and concludes: "Complete preparation, we believe, in the present state of the world, is more than a means of defense. It is positive action against disaster. Again we say to Congress that the War Department's program for universal military training should be authorized quickly. Again we say: Don't delay."

PM's Alexander H. Uhl says: "The issue of the present tax debate is not merely the extra dollars in your pocket; it is, rather, who is going to determine if you have any dollars there in the first place and who is going to decide whether you are a free man or not a free man."

THE DAILY NEWS doesn't want any agreement at Moscow, recalling: "We thought it would be a good idea for Marshall to come home a couple of weeks ago. We think it's an even better idea now."

THE HERALD TRIBUNE says there's a division of responsibility between the U.S. and the United Nations. Until Russia is willing to go along in an anti-Russian, anti-Communist program the Tribune doesn't see how the UN can take up matters which are assigned to it under the UN charter.

WORTH REPEATING

Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to James Monroe in 1804, said: "No nation, however powerful, anymore than an individual, can be unjust with impunity. Sooner or later public opinion, an instrument merely moral in the beginning, will find occasion physically to inflict its sentences on the unjust."



One Who Survived: Louis Butez, one of the few seamen aboard the French freighter Grand Camp to survive, is comforted by a nurse in Galveston, Tex. The vessel, whose death-dealing cargo is still held secret, set off the series of Texas City explosions which took 650 lives.

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Death Breaks the Color Line

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In Life, Negroes and whites could not have attended the school. No lecture, no class, no community affair could have been attended by living white and Negro citizens of Texas. But the bunting-draped gymnasium of the "white school" was open to all races—to search for their dead. They could not applaud liberating thoughts together. They could not learn to live better together here; but now they are free to mourn, bowed by a common sorrow.

No lesson of the Texas City tragedy should be lost. The price was too high. An unforeseen, death-dealing disaster lowered the Bourbon Jimcrow barriers; the people of Texas and America should ponder this lesson well and act against Jimcrow in the interest of the living.

Truman Doctrine and the UN

THE UNITED NATIONS debate on the proposed U. S. military intervention in Turkey and Greece has something of an Alice in Wonderland flavor. Just examine the sequence.

On March 12 President Truman announced a long hatched plan to supply military aid to the Turkish and Greek governments. He also proclaimed a world-wide crusade against "communism" which would go far beyond Greece and Turkey.

More than two weeks later—after the American public expressed shock at our by-passing UN—U. S. delegate Warren Austin appeared before UN to justify the Truman doctrine.

The remarkable thing about Austin's speech March 29 was that he didn't make a single mention of the military nature of the aid to Greece. And Turkey didn't even rate a single word.

Finally, Russia's Gromyko presented a proposal to UN that since the Greek people needed aid, such aid should be sponsored and controlled by the United Nations.

Austin's rejection of this proposal reaffirmed the Truman-Vandenberg insistence on unilateral U. S. action.

What makes the UN discussion sound like it's in "Never Never Land," is that if the Truman proposal passes Congress there's no point to the UN deliberations. The Truman doctrine trims the United Nations down to nothing.

It warns the peoples of Europe and of Asia that whatever kind of government they choose will have to bear the stamp—approved by the U. S.

The "concession" the Truman-Vandenberg doctrine makes to UN is that it allows the world organization to take over the State Department crusade against communism some time in the future.

Now that's really something—asking the UN which was established to maintain peace—to undertake a crusade last heard of from a man named A. Hitler.

Despite all the bluster of the commercial press the people have responded to Henry Wallace's demand that the UN take over relief for Greece and that the U. S. return to the FDR policy of building peace through the UN.

Senate Resolution 93 introduced by Senator Pepper and Taylor will redeem America's good name as a supporter of the United Nations as well as providing real aid to Greece.

Builders of Trade Unions

DID you notice how the Hartley anti-labor bill passed by the House of Representatives included provisions to bar Communists from union office and to drive them out of unions?

Republicans and their tory Democratic allies were telling you something by throwing in these provisions. They were saying that, besides barring the closed shop, ending industry-wide bargaining, taking away from labor the right to call strikes, the way to cripple the unions was to force out the Communists.



Let's Face It

HOKUM ON HIGH PRICES

by Max Gordon

IN THEIR DESIRE to take the heat off their own profiteering, the Big Business boys and their totalitarian press are resorting to the usual hoaxing. Their answer to Truman's pleas for lower prices is that the government is keeping the prices for food at a high level, and that this is the big reason for the high cost of living.

They cite the government's pegging of potato prices last fall when the crop was very big and the price would have dropped drastically. The government spent \$80,000,000 in this pegging operation.

I think I have seen this "proof" at least a dozen times. The reason no other example is given is because there just isn't any.

The potato pegging operation took place under the price support program, by which Congress guaranteed to the farmers a price equal to 90 percent of parity for at least two years after the end of the war emergency.

The reason for the guarantee was that a farmer has to know many months in advance what his market will be so that he can plant or breed accordingly.

FARMERS remembered their experience of the last war when postwar prices collapsed as a result of surpluses growing out of expanded war production. They hesitated to expand their production this time unless they received a guarantee of markets or price supports.

The Big Business boys, anxious to protect their own high prices and still take the edge off labor's demand for higher wages, are ready to throw the farmer to the wolves by demanding that the government renege on its price guarantee, which is due to run until Dec. 31, 1948.

They figure that by placing the blame for high prices on the farmer and the government, they can gain a point in their bargaining with labor, which is pointing to high prices as the basis for demanding more wages.

ACTUALLY, the price support program has not been called into play at all except for potatoes, so that the claim that the government program is keeping up food prices is fantastic. Nearly all food prices today are way above parity without help from the government.

But the farmer, while far better off today than he has been since the last war, gets a smaller share of the increase in food prices than the monopolies in the food processing and distribution business.

The meat packers, the dairy trusts, the canning companies, the chain wholesale and retail outlets are getting a larger share of the customer's dollar than they did during the pre-war days.

Here is a good part of the rub.

AS FOR THE NON-FOOD monopolies, NAM president Bunting walls they are being terribly maligned by this criticism of high prices. The price level for manufactured goods, he insists, has gone up ONLY 75 percent since pre-war days!

While it is ridiculous to blame government food policy for the high cost of living, except in the sense that it failed to control it, there is no doubt that the government could adopt policies now which would bring food prices down.

For instance, instead of pegging potato prices by buying up a large supply at the high level and letting them go to waste, the government could maintain prices

Letters From Our Readers

CP Club Fights Gas Rate Hike

Brooklyn

Editor, Daily Worker:

Brooklynites have only until April 22 to keep their gas bills from climbing higher. On that day the State Public Service Commission will hold hearings on the granting of a rate increase to the Brooklyn Union Gas Co. The company is asking an increase amounting to \$1,900,000 a year.

Despite the "excuse of increased fuel and labor costs, the Gas Co.'s take in 1946 (after taxes were deducted) was \$1,630,000. The company also spent close to \$2,000,000 for a huge bond refunding operation, which saves them over \$5,000,000 in the next 22 years. This is a neat grab for the banks who can now surrender the bonds in advance of the date.

Our Communist Party Club distributed 1,000 leaflets last weekend urging our neighbors to express their opposition to higher gas rates by writing to the Commission in Albany. We also set up a table with petitions and within 90 minutes 250 people had signed.

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From FDR's Coalition To Truman's Doctrine

Roxbury, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why does one hear the rumpus about Communism now, and why was there absolutely nothing said during the war? Was it because then Hitler was driving through Europe at a terrific pace and 5,000,000 or more Communists were killed?

What is all this fuss about anyway, and why all this talk about deportation? Who is going to deport whom?

G. BURKE.

The Real Aggressors

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

We are hearing a lot of noise about Greece being threatened with aggression from the north by Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Albania and, of course, the Soviet Union. Yet all the evidence points the other way.

Is it possible that Truman has not heard of the frequent demonstrations staged in Athens where the rabid Royalist adventurers march with the cry "On to Belgrade and Sofia . . . On to Moscow!" Does our President regard these provocations as harmless play or is he consciously helping to turn the belligerent slogans into action?

No such outbursts are heard from Sofia and Belgrade where the people are too busy building a better life for themselves. B. D.

to the farmers by the compensatory, or subsidy method. This would allow the price to fall to its "natural" level, permit people to increase consumption so that nothing goes to waste, and still give the farmer a decent price.

This method also has the merit of giving less of the benefits of government spending to the "factory" farms, with their low-cost production, which is probably the reason it is not used.

The subsidy method can be used to bring down the price of other vital foods while seeing that the farmer gets a decent return.

But then, the very people who are putting up a fuss against high food prices to cover their own profiteering would also oppose the subsidy plan for bringing down food prices. And they are the ones who are dictating to Congress these days.

So the responsibility for high food prices actually rests with those who are doing the finger-pointing—the Big Business boys and their congressional stooges.

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5:30-WNBC—Three Sons Trio
WOR—Jean Tighe Show
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45-WOR—Jan August—Piano
• WCBS—King Cole Trio
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EVENING

6:00-WNBC—News—Kenneth Banghart
WOR—George Putnam—News
WJZ—News; Jimmy Blair, Songs
WCBS—News; Harry Marle
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC—Gov. Dewey's Report to
People of N. Y.
WOR—Guest House
WJZ—Chittison Trio
WCBS—Chicago Orchestra
6:25-WQXR—Here, There in New York
6:45-WNBC—Religion in the News
WOR—Sports; Stan Lomax
• WNBC—Labor—USA
WCBS—Larry Lesuer, News
7:00-WNBC—Our Foreign Policy
WOR—Guess Who—Quiz
WJZ—It's Your Business
WCBS—Patti Clayton, Songs
WQXR—News; Concert Stage
7:15-WJZ—Song Spinners Quartet
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7:30-WNBC—Curtain Time—Play
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WJZ—Music Library
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WQXR—Memorable Moments
7:45-WOR—The Answer Man
8:00-WNBC—Life of Riley, with William
Bendix
• WOR—Twenty Questions
• WJZ—Famous Jury Trials
WCBS—Once Upon a Tune
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:30-WOR—Scrappy-Amby—Quiz
• WNBC—Truth or Consequences
with Ralph Edwards
WJZ—Deal in Crime—Play
WCBS—Mayor of the Town, with
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8:55-WCBS—Ned Calmer, News
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U.S. Bypassed Big 3 Pacts, Says Elliott Roosevelt

Elliott Roosevelt said yesterday in Los Angeles that the State Department should have made public all agreements made at the Big Three meetings which would show how far the U.S. has drifted from the postwar plans of the Big Three. Arriving in Los Angeles to address a rally of the Progressive Citizens of America tonight, the late President's son denounced the Truman proposals for military inter-

vention in Turkey and Greece. Roosevelt said:

"As soon as we proceed along unilateral lines, leaving Russia out, we are moving toward a two-world division that eventually and inevitably will lead to a new conflict."

He declined to comment specifically about Wallace's remarks made recently in England, but said the ex-Agricultural Secretary and Vice

President "has something to say about spheres of influence with which I do not agree."

"Churchill, in his last speech at Fulton, Mo., last year, repudiated practically everything he agreed to during the war," he added.

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Fills In for Leo Without Contract

A VETERAN baseball man, who has been looking over rookies in Florida for the past two years, visited Branch Rickey's office in Brooklyn yesterday morning. An hour later he was manager of the Dodgers.

Burt Shotton is a quick-smiling, calm man of 62 who has been associated with the Dodger Mahatma since 1918, when Rickey was business manager of the St. Louis Browns and Burt was an infield star. He is a typical Rickey man, a careful handler of players, reserved, unemotional.

In fact, he's the exact opposite of Leo the Lip, for he has been thrown out of baseball games just twice in his career.

Known as a cagey developer of youngsters, Burt was associated with Rickey as a St. Louis Cardinal coach, scout and minor league manager. Piloting the Columbus team of the American Association, he developed Harry Breecheen, Murray Dickson and numerous other present-day Cards.

His last major league assignment was with the inept Phillies, an experience he would just as soon forget. When Lou Boudreau became the boy manager of the Cleveland Indians half a dozen years ago, Burt was named coach. He quit that job in 1945 to scout for Rickey in Florida, where he has lived for the past 17 years. This spring he was a member of the faculty at the Pensacola training school, where youthful prospects in the Dodger farm system received special training.

Burt had no inkling of what was in store for him when he received a wire from Rickey asking him to proceed forthwith to 215 Montague St., Brooklyn, for a conference. He arrived at 10:30 a.m., was convinced. At 12 o'clock he was told: "Take a subway train to the Polo Grounds and go to work."

Shotton had never met his new team before, with the exception of Rube Melton, who pitched for him in Columbus. "I'm going to manage in civies," he said. "My days of putting on an uniform are over." To newsmen he said: "I'm going to work my way into this job. I know very little about it right now. In fact, you fellows could do a better job now."

Four years ago, when Leo Durocher was reporting for draft examination, rumors said that his successor would be Shotton. An oddity of his career is that he has never worked under a contract and has none now—leaving the way open for the sudden return of the Lip, if and when Happy Chandler says the word.

Billy Nixes 'Sleeper' Stuff

Maybe it was the two straight losses to the Dodgers or maybe he's felt that way all along—but Billy Southworth, manager of the Boston Braves, doesn't agree with those scribes who consider his club a real darkhorse threat to cop the pennant.

"We're stronger and we're building with what we can get until our farms pay off," Southworth said. "But the pennant? I wish I knew what we needed to win it."

"I can't give an honest answer until I've seen the rest of the league. We're far better than our fourth place club last year but it may take every bit of improvement just to hold fourth."

"Our pitching is strong, but may lack depth. Our hitting is good, although not right now."

Q. How have you strengthened so far?

A. We have Bob Elliott, a fine third baseman from Pittsburgh. We brought up Danny Murtaugh from Rochester to help Connie Ryan at second base and Sibi Sisti to relieve Nick Culier at short. We got

Charley (Red) Barrett from St. Louis, where he won 21 games for me in 1945. We also picked up Anton Karl from the Phillies and he was the best relief pitcher in the league two years ago. We found some catching help for Phil Masi in Hank Camelli, who came from the Pirates, and a rookie named Earl Torgeson for first base.

Q. What about Torgeson, touted as potential rookie of the year?

A. He came high on the market, meaning we had to give cash and players to get him. He has a lot of quality but perhaps he was brought up too soon.

Q. What about Mort Cooper? (As a Cardinal, Big Mort won 65 games during one three-year span, but only 22 in two years at Boston.)

A. He is ready to go. He looks fine and in excellent shape. Mort always was a slow starter for me even in his good years at St. Louis. We're counting on a lot from him, along with Johnny Sain, Ed Wright, Warren Spahn, Barret and don't forget Si Johnson, whose earned run average was second in the

Short Shots From the Ball Park

By Bill Mardo

Homeruns were a dime a dozen in that second and third inning outbursts. . . . First there was Bobby Thomson's blast into the leftfield seats . . . and that ain't far, you know. Then Jackie Robinson bounced one off the leftfield scoreboard, 300 feet away—and somebody forgot to tell Robby about the Polo Grounds ground rules because he started to fly around the bases until he caught wise rounding third.

But the bottom half of that same frame, mama!!! Rigney tags one into 1f. . . . upstairs, that is. A broad shouldered Goliath, name of Hartung, steps in . . . and he DOES look like Babe Herman from the back of the head . . . Clint took a third called strike. Next man up is another one of those guys with the shoulders and back of a blacksmith . . . and Jawn Mize puts his mighty physique to work with a circuit clout not to leftfield . . . s'prise!!!—but off the rightfield scoreboard.

Jorgensen started to ride again in the second with a double . . . but when he fanned in the third some wag remarked: "I knew the kid couldn't stick in the bigtime."

Robinson made a nice dash to the first base boxes for Al Gerhart's popup in the fourth. . . . When he came to bat in the fifth with Stanky on, everyone was pleading for another homer . . . but Robby watched two strikes go against him and then tagged it viciously, on a line, into the third basemen's hands for a double play.

Robby's "out" was as solidly tagged as his fly homer in the preceding inning . . . only one ball had height to it . . . and the other forgot to take off. . . . That's all you need for a leftfield homerun at the Polo Grounds . . . just a little lift. But if anyone thought the rash of roundtrippers was over they had a big surprise in the sixth. Marshall, BOOM! Thomson, BOOM! (No. 2 for him). . . .

That was a mighty purty stop Bill Rigney made on Bargan's bid for a bingle in the seventh. . . . And Polo Ground fans were the first to see kid wonder Tom Brown in action this year. He pinch-hit for Chandler and grounded weakly to end the inning.

Jackie's second hit, which gave

league last year.

Q. How about hitting?

A. The club is in a slump at the moment. I even held Tommy Holmes out of the opener at Brooklyn for that reason and he appreciated it. But he'll hit, and I hope the others do.

That's all on the Braves, but Billy had a kind word for three others—Billy Herman, Hank Greenberg and Jackie Robinson.

"Herman has added a great deal to the league as new manager at Pittsburgh," said Southworth, who released the veteran infielder to the Pirates. "He'll be a fine leader. And Greenberg will still hit those homers. He should have a good year in our league because of increased incentive."

"Robinson reacted well under extreme pressure in the opener," he added. "I hope he isn't downcast at the way our infielders scoop up his batted balls. After all, the major leagues are as high as you can get in baseball and we pay these infielders good money to do just that."

Six Giant Homers Win It for Koslo

A spray of homeruns splattered over the Dodgers yesterday as the New York Giants opened their 1947 season at the Polo Grounds before 37,546 fans. No less than six circuit clouts bounced into the stands or against the scoreboard in left field. Two each by Bobby Thomson and Johnny Rigney, one each by Johnny Mize and Willard Marshall.

On the Dodger side, Jackie Robinson came through with his first big league home run in the third inning with none on base and figured in the scoring in the seventh when his single to right, followed by Marshall's wild throw sent him to second. He advanced to third on Tatum's long fly and scored on Dixie Walker's infield out.

Although new manager Bert Shotton sat on the bench, the Dodgers were actually run by coach Clyde Sukeforth who used three pitchers. Vic Lombardi, the loser, had licked the Giants nine times running, but left the game after yielding three homers for four runs in three innings. Rookie Ed Chandler got by the fourth and fifth but faded in the sixth when Marshall and Thomson pounded successive blasts to right field stands.

In the eighth, Hank Behrman got into trouble when Marshall doubled and Thomson singled. He was well out of his difficulties as Rigney came to bat with the bases full and sent another long fly into the left-field stands.

Dave Koslo went all the way for the Giants, giving seven hits.

Singles by Walker and Furillo,

him two out of four yesterday, was a topped ball which dropped in front of the charging Marshall for a Texas League safety. Robby looks like he's really over the hump now . . . he's much looser at the plate and picking the good ones, too.

Oh yez . . . Rigney's homer in the ninth was a perfect way to end a perfect ballgame—from the Giant point of view, that is.

plus a scoring fly by Pee-wee Reese, gave the Dodgers a run in the second. Robinson's homerun kept the Flatbush boys even in the third but after homers by Rigney and Mize in the fourth, the Giants were never headed.

Robinson opened the eighth with his single, scoring as described above. With two outs, Furillo drove a 450-foot triple to left centerfield, scoring when Clint Hartung jugged a return throw from Al Gerhart. The great Hartung struck out twice and did not get on base in five tries.

Today's twirlers will be Kennedy and Branca.

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Ammo Caused Texas Blast, Hearings Told

TEXAS CITY, Tex., April 18.—As chlorine gas and gas gangrene added to the hazards of rescue work proceeding here in smoldering ruins, evidence piled up that an ammunition blast aboard the S.S. Grand Camp initiated the three-day chain of blasts and fires that laid this city waste. This question became the immediate issue in Coast Guard hearings this afternoon in nearby Galveston to determine "the cause of and responsibility for" the disaster. An early witness testified that there were 18 cases of small arms ammunition aboard the vessel.

Attempts were made to minimize this testimony by arguing that the 18 cases could have contributed little to the force of an explosion so great that the ship disintegrated. But it was at once retorted that the ammunition need only have detonated the ship's cargo of dangerous ammonium nitrate.

National Maritime Union (CIO) officials at once put their finger on the central question of responsibility. They pointed out that no ammunition ship has a right to dock but must "lie out in the stream," handling cargo via barges.

The NMU followed this up swiftly by relating a hitherto unknown precedent for the case of the Grand Camp. They revealed that two ammunition ships docked in Galveston last May with the full knowledge of authorities. The NMU said it fought a running battle for a solid week before aroused and alarmed public opinion forced the ships to move out into the stream.

The incident began when the two ships started to unload bombs and ammunition for the San Jacinto Arsenal in Houston. They were met by angry protests from the union. The unidentified company involved refused to pay off the crew or move the ship, declaring that its cargo was under Army jurisdiction, the NMU said.

Following extended fruitless negotiations with the company, the NMU contacted the Coast Guard and Army officials and wired Sen. Lee (Pappy) O'Daniel, who yesterday called for an investigation of a "possible" Communist connection with the current disaster.

WON CASE

"For the safety of Galveston, these ships should be moved immediately," the NMU wire said.

O'Daniel made no reply, and the service authorities showed no haste, so the NMU called in crew members of the two ships and a reporter for the *Galveston Tribune*. This spread the story and explained the danger. Popular pressure quickly broke through Army - Coast Guard indifference and the ships were moved.

At the Coast Guard hearing Galveston today, Rear Adm. Andley told the *Galveston News* that even without ammunition, the reported ammonium nitrate cargo of both the Grand Camp and the Lykes' Brothers S.S. High Flyer—second ship to blow up here—was not reliable.

"This particular type of cargo was unsafe," he said.

At the hearings, Lykes' Brothers attorneys argued that the sole responsibility for the blast rested with the French Line and its S.S. Grand Camp though both ships carried ammonium nitrate.

NMU officials demanded to know why either ship, with unsafe cargo, should have been permitted to dock rather than load or unload cargo from midstream by use of barges. No answer was immediately offered.

By evening today the known death toll was 335.

Police barred the whole atomic

ruin to reporters and curiosity-seekers as 46 cases of gangrene developed among injured survivors. All were in Galveston hospitals.

As rescue workers penetrated the \$19,000,000 Monsanto wreckage, the thousands of citizens with some near-relative still missing, received a cruel lift and brutal letdown. A false report was broadcast that "live people" were being uncovered in the Monsanto embers. Several hours later the broadcast was corrected.

Dr. Paul Harris, Houston dentist, was placed in charge of the disaster area, directing bulldozers, winch-trucks, a drag-line crane mounted on caterpillar treads, and a score of men with acetylene torches who cut a road through the twisted steel where the bulldozers failed.

Some of the recovered bodies showed unmistakable evidence of chlorine gas, one of many chemicals freed by the succession of blasts. Much chlorine gas in the area added to the risks of rescuers.

Heroism of NMU seamen removed two other dangers from the path of the tired rescue crews. The

seamen penetrated the burning and popping inferno to dynamite tanks of propane and butane, heading off later uncontrollable explosions.

An outstanding tale of heroism and villainy involved the Keystone tanker, S.S. Silver Creek. William Weaver, pharmacist's mate and purser, left his ship after the first explosion, gathered all available dried plasma aboard other ships at the dock, and worked until midnight at the hospital, giving transfusions.

His captain, name withheld, refused him the plasma from the Silver Creek, threatened him with discharge for having gone on disaster duty without making out the payroll and forbade him to leave the ship again. Weaver made out the payroll—despite a vote of the crew that he go ahead with his life-saving work—and remained aboard until the second explosion—that of the High Flyer.

He then left the ship, ignoring the skipper's threats, and has worked right through to the time of filing this dispatch, administering plasma.

Robeson Raps Ban on Peoria Concert

A concert by Paul Robeson, scheduled in Peoria, Ill., yesterday, was called off because of "fascist techniques" employed by the local City Council, the noted Negro singer charged. In a telephone statement to the Council On African Affairs Robeson assailed the Peoria Council which had unanimously adopted a

resolution condemning the appearance there of "any speaker or artist who is an avowed or active propagandist for un-American ideology."

Ferdinand C. Smith, secretary of the CIO National Maritime Union, yesterday wired a protest to the Peoria, Ill., City Council against its ban on a Paul Robeson concert there.

Plans for a City Hall reception by a Citizens Committee for the singer were spiked by Mayor Carl O. Triebel, who reneged on an earlier approval of the hall's use despite the Council resolution.

The Mayor's reversal was based, he said, on fear of "riots or disturbances." In a statement he inferred that "Robeson is coming here for a fight," because the singer had told the press of threats he'd received.

The ban on use of the City Hall followed passage of resolutions by the local American Legion which attacked Robeson and "communism."

BOASTS OF BAN

Although Robeson was not specifically named, the resolution's sponsor, Alderman Milo Nelson, boasted it was aimed to bar the concert.

Robeson's statement declared he did "not intend to be bullied" and expressed conviction that "Peoria citizens, feeling as I do, will demonstrate their own feelings against

the un-American assault in their own way."

He declared the "Peoria incident is not at all accidental. It follows by two days the House Un-American Committee's selection of me as one of its special targets."

"I feel honored," he added, "to be in the same company with former Vice-President Wallace, who lately was subjected to the most disgraceful abuse by the committee's subversive techniques."

Robeson will appear at a rally for colonial freedom sponsored by the Council On African Affairs next Friday at the 71st Regiment Armory, 34 St. and Park Ave. He said he would both report on the Peoria incident and issue a full statement on the Un-American Committee's activities at the rally.

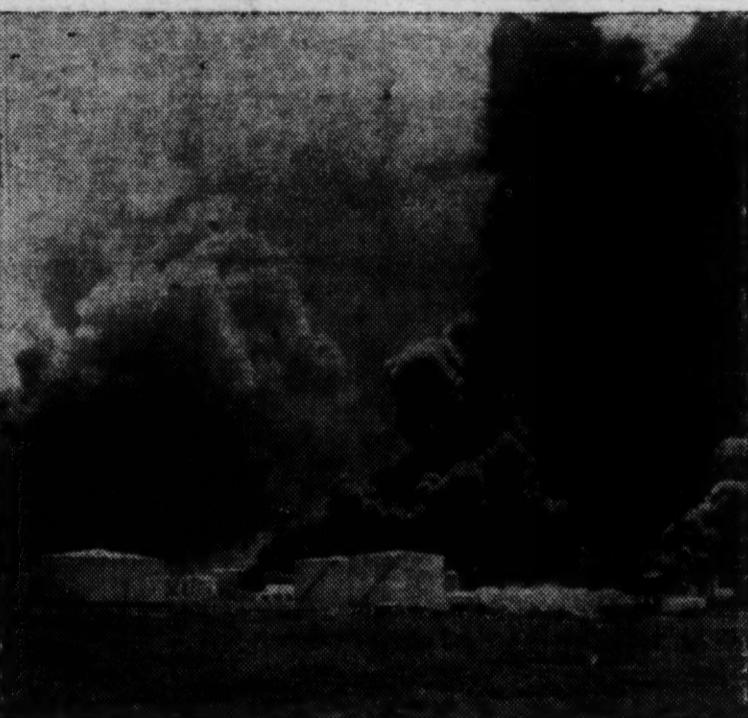
"The Peoria City Council's shocking attempt to bar Paul Robeson from appearing at a concert in their city deserves the same profound contempt Americans reserve for fascism everywhere," Frank Kingdon and Jo Davidson, co-chairmen of the Progressive Citizens of America said yesterday.

Gary, Ind., Mayor Acts

GARY, Ind., April 18.—Calling upon Gary citizens to "make known to members of the 80th Congress their desires for the upholding of the rights of labor," Mayor Joseph E. Finerty proclaimed April as "Defend Labor Month," after consultation with Gary's 12 United Steelworkers locals.

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Death—if the Wind Shifts: Oil fires, sending black smoke high into the sky, move ominously closer to the main body of Texas City oil tanks, threatening new fires and explosions. At left, the burning Monsanto Chemical Co. plant.

Union Giving Truman Phone Strike Facts

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Joseph A. Beirne, president of the National Federation of Telephone Workers, announced today that he is laying all the facts which led up to the 12-day national tie-up before President Truman.

At the same time he declared that the Bell System companies could end the walkout quickly if they would offer some kind of a "down payment" wage increase pending negotiations and arbitration on a final pay settlement and other strike issues.

Beirne said the decision to deal the President a hand in the controversy was reached at a two and one-half hour meeting of the 49-member policy committee of the NFTW.

NOT AN APPEAL

He said his move was not intended as an "appeal" to Truman, who has maintained a hands-off attitude since the strike began April 7, but "a statement of the true facts."

He indicated it would go to the White House today or early tomorrow, with copies to all members of Congress and Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach, who has been directing the government's thus far unsuccessful conciliation campaign. NFTW spokesmen promised to make the statement public at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Beirne also announced that the NFTW is building up an "extensive" strike fund with the help of other unions.

In New York and New Jersey CIO leaders yesterday asked affiliates to pledge financial and physical support to the strikers. Seven hundred New York state CIO locals were asked to raise funds for the strikers. New Jersey CIO leaders will stage their own fund raising campaigns in 11 cities starting Tuesday.

AFL VOTES AID

The New York AFL Central Trades and Labor Council on Thursday night voted to support the strikers in any manner requested after hearing an appeal from Herman Krause, New York region strike director.

The New York strike committee announced yesterday it will issue a handbill to all telephone subscribers urging them to write to Walter S. Gifford, president of American Telephone and Telegraph, asking him to call on Bell System affiliates to make a reasonable offer to the

strikers and to settle other issues.

The committee also announced that several undisclosed AFL and CIO unions here had sent in checks. It was expected that strike leaders would meet during the weekend to help organize picket line aid from other unions.

ACA Wins Phone Poll in Coast

The CIO American Communications Association announced yesterday that it had won a clear majority in a Labor Board poll conducted April 2 to 9 among 12,000 Northern California and Nevada telephone operators and clerks.

The ACA, which has given support to the national telephone strike, polled 5,602 votes to 3,291 for the Telephone Workers Independent Union (TWIU) an affiliate of the National Federation of Telephone Workers. The independent United Brotherhood of Telephone Workers received 418 votes; no union, 118.

Last August members of another NFTW affiliate, the Telephone Traffic Employees Organization, voted to leave the NFTW and join the ACA. When the ACA presented contract demands the TWIU came into the picture and called for an election, Joseph Selly, ACA president, said.

Selly declared the ACA is now the largest West Coast union of telephone workers. The union has organized its own picket lines to back the nationwide tie-up.

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which under any circumstances will be bad.

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Third, to persuade President Truman to veto the final draft.

Fourth, to build up enough votes in either the Senate or House to sustain the veto.

Final May Day Conference Today

At 1 P.M.

13 Astor Place